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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2023 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment

Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal

Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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January Spotlight

Annual Revisions to the Data

Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process, including updated population data from the US Census Bureau.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. The Statewide CLF data was revised back to January 2019 and is now available at <https://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-Search-Tool/LAUS>. Updated sub-state CLF estimates are now complete and the data has been updated on the Discover Arkansas website and at www.bls.gov. All sub-state CLF data for Arkansas was revised back to January 2019. More information concerning annual processing is available [here](#).

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the Nonfarm Payroll Job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calculations. Statewide estimates were revised back to April 2021. The MSA revisions are listed below:

- Revised back to January 1990- Little Rock-North Little Rock- Conway MSA; Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA; and the Fort Smith MSA
- Revised back to April 2021- Hot Springs MSA and Pine Bluff MSA
- Revised back to April 2022- Jonesboro MSA

All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

Effective with the release of January 2024 estimates on March 11, 2024, the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program implemented a new weight smoothing procedure for state and metropolitan area employment data. More information on the new weight smoothing procedure is available [here](#).

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State of Arkansas

Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.7% between December 2023 and January 2024. The unemployment rate for December 2023 was originally estimated at 3.4% but has now been revised up to 3.7%. The United States' jobless rate remained at 3.7% for the third consecutive month.

Arkansas' civilian labor force rose by 506 in January. Employment increased 460, while unemployment rose by 46. The labor force participation rate remained stable over the month at 57.5% (December 2023 was revised down from 57.6%).

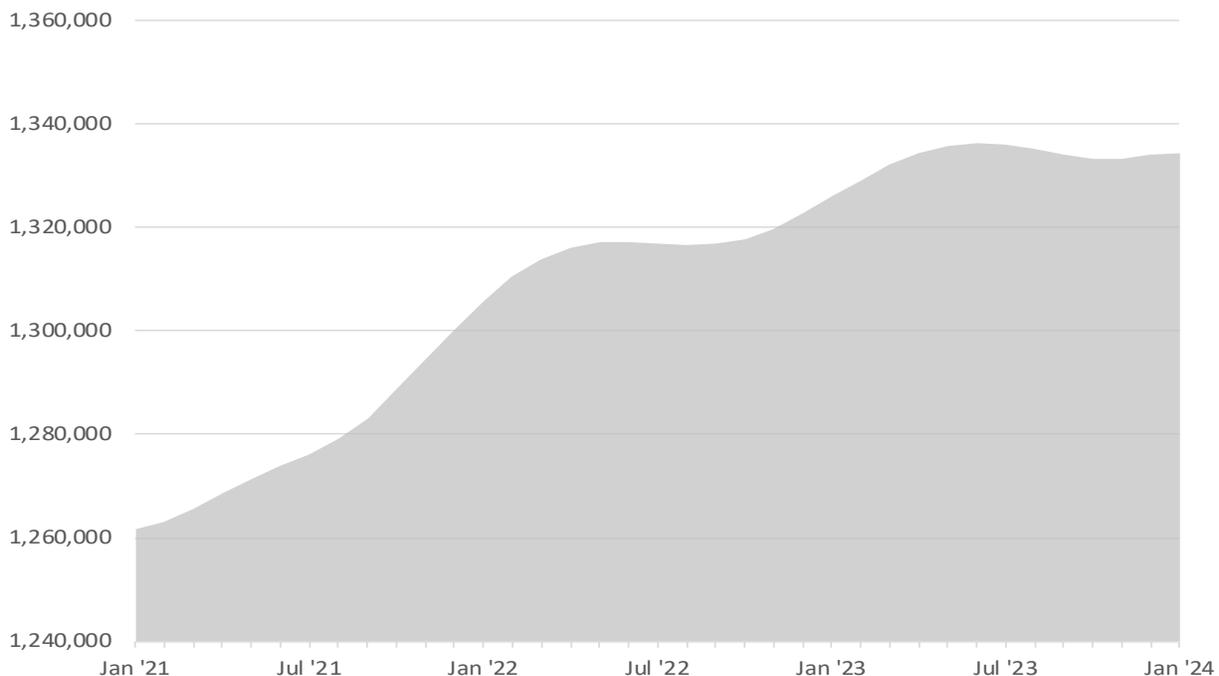
Compared to January 2023, there are 8,529 more employed, while 9,875 more Arkansans are unemployed and actively looking for work. The State's jobless rate is now seven-tenths of a percentage point higher than last January, but the labor force participation rate has grown by two-tenths of a percentage point.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jan 24	Dec 23	Jan 23	Jan 24	Dec 23	Jan 23
Civilian Labor Force	1,385,260	1,384,754	1,366,856	Civilian Labor Force	1,364,944	1,369,539
Employment	1,334,478	1,334,018	1,325,949	Employment	1,311,913	1,322,388
Unemployment	50,782	50,736	40,907	Unemployment	53,031	47,151
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.0%	Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.4%
LF Participation Rate	57.5%	57.5%	57.3%	LF Participation Rate	56.7%	56.9%

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

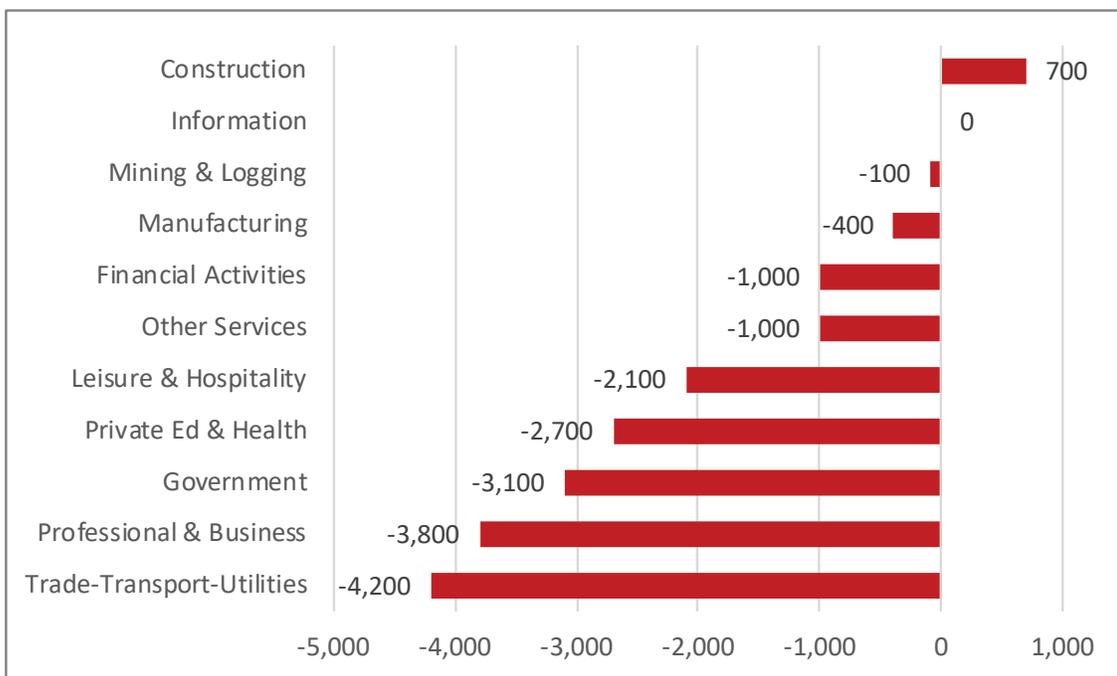
(NAICS)	Jan 24	Dec 23	Jan 23	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	1345.8	1363.5	1335.1	-17.7	10.7
Goods Producing	231.9	231.7	227.9	0.2	4.0
Mining, Logging, & Construction	71.7	71.1	64.7	0.6	7.0
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.2	5.2	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	66.6	65.9	59.5	0.7	7.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	42.1	41.8	37.3	0.3	4.8
Manufacturing	160.2	160.6	163.2	-0.4	-3.0
Durable Goods	76.8	77.2	79.6	-0.4	-2.8
Nondurable Goods	83.4	83.4	83.6	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	1113.9	1131.8	1107.2	-17.9	6.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	269.0	273.2	266.2	-4.2	2.8
Wholesale Trade	52.2	52.3	52.0	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	144.8	147.2	141.4	-2.4	3.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.0	73.7	72.8	-1.7	-0.8
Information	12.8	12.8	13.0	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	70.3	71.3	70.1	-1.0	0.2
Finance & Insurance	55.4	55.9	55.2	-0.5	0.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.9	15.4	14.9	-0.5	0.0
Professional & Business Services	152.4	156.2	155.5	-3.8	-3.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	50.5	50.6	49.9	-0.1	0.6
Management of Companies	37.6	37.7	37.1	-0.1	0.5
Administrative & Support Services	64.3	67.9	68.5	-3.6	-4.2
Private Education & Health Services	209.8	212.5	204.3	-2.7	5.5
Private Educational Services	18.9	19.4	18.5	-0.5	0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	190.9	193.1	185.8	-2.2	5.1
Ambulatory Health Care	65.7	67.1	64.3	-1.4	1.4
Social Assistance	39.6	39.1	38.4	0.5	1.2
Leisure & Hospitality	120.3	122.4	121.5	-2.1	-1.2
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.3	12.4	11.8	-0.1	0.5
Accommodation & Food Services	108.0	110.0	109.7	-2.0	-1.7
Accommodation Services	10.6	10.9	11.0	-0.3	-0.4
Food Services	97.4	99.1	98.7	-1.7	-1.3
Other Services	66.9	67.9	67.1	-1.0	-0.2
Government	212.4	215.5	209.5	-3.1	2.9
Federal Government	21.8	22.0	20.7	-0.2	1.1
State Government	75.7	77.6	75.7	-1.9	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	29.6	31.5	29.5	-1.9	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.1	46.1	46.2	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	114.9	115.9	113.1	-1.0	1.8
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.9	71.4	69.9	-0.5	1.0
Local Gov, Excluding Education	44.0	44.5	43.2	-0.5	0.8

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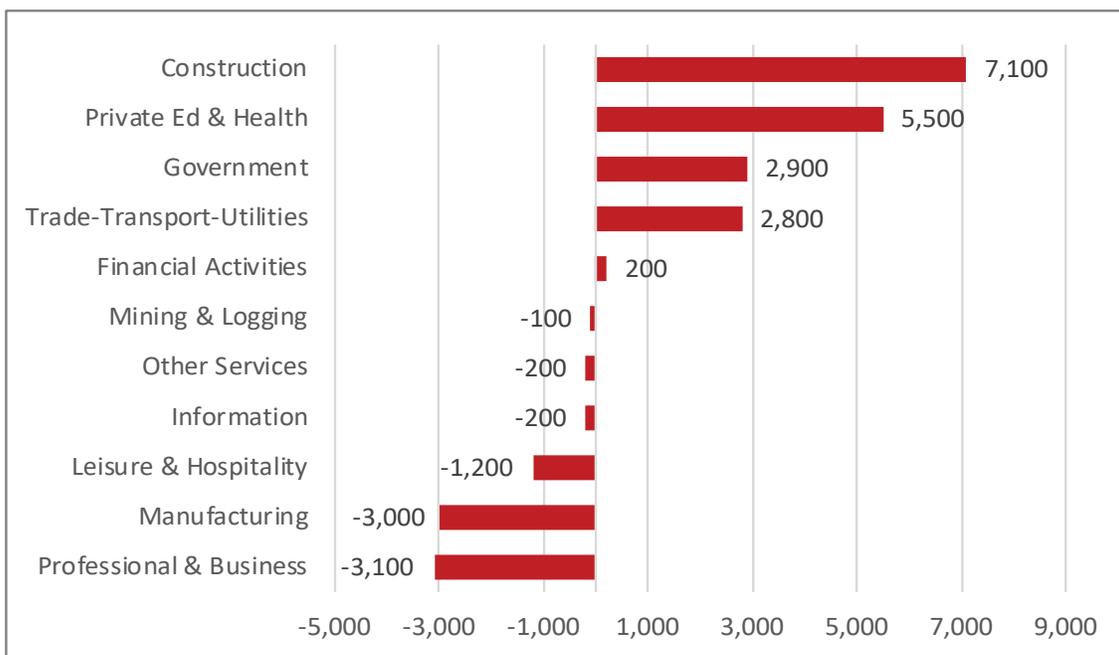
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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
December 2023 - January 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
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State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

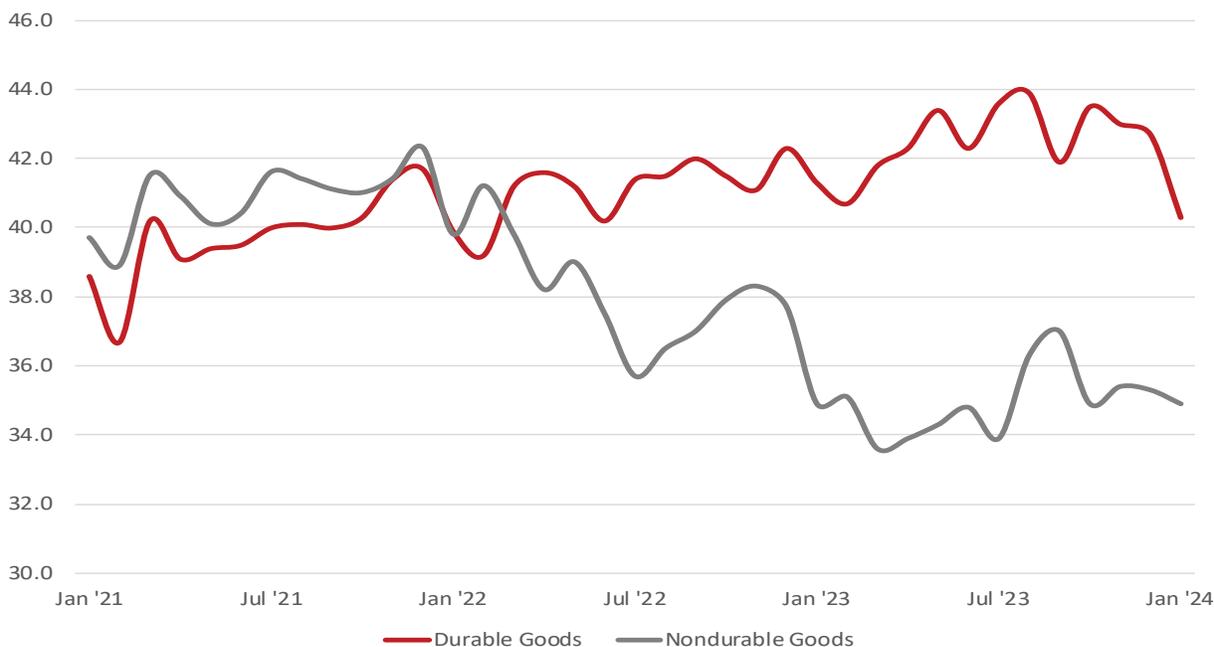
Manufacturing

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.5	38.9	37.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.12	\$21.98	\$20.98
Average Weekly Earnings	\$829.50	\$855.02	\$795.14

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>		<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.3	42.7	41.3	Average Weekly Hours	34.9	35.3	34.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$24.03	\$24.15	\$23.67	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.71	\$18.66	\$18.10
Average Weekly Earnings	\$968.41	\$1,031.21	\$977.57	Average Weekly Earnings	\$687.88	\$658.70	\$631.69

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable vs Nondurable Goods Manufacturing
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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	366,079	367,594	358,195	-1,515	7,884
Employment	352,952	355,847	347,029	-2,895	5,923
Unemployment	13,127	11,747	11,166	1,380	1,961
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.2%	3.1%	0.4%	0.5%

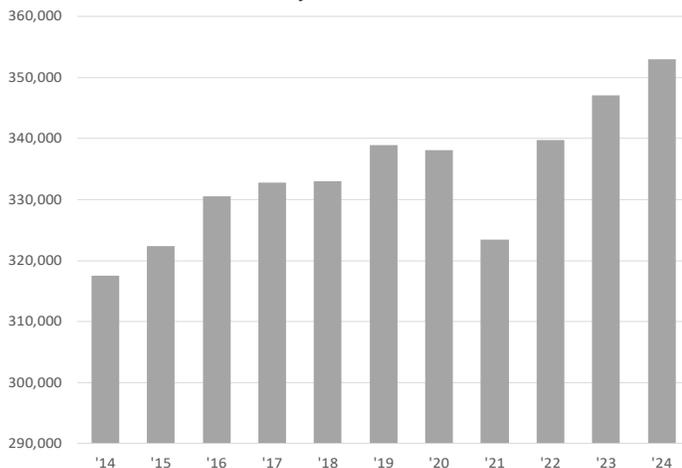
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	390.6	395.5	384.1	-4.9	6.5
Goods Producing	41.9	41.9	39.8	0.0	2.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.6	21.6	19.8	0.0	1.8
Manufacturing	20.3	20.3	20.0	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	348.7	353.6	344.3	-4.9	4.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.3	80.0	77.7	-1.7	0.6
Wholesale Trade	17.8	17.7	17.8	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	39.1	39.9	38.5	-0.8	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.4	22.4	21.4	-1.0	0.0
Information	5.4	5.4	5.8	0.0	-0.4
Financial Activities	27.9	28.2	28.0	-0.3	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	48.5	49.1	48.7	-0.6	-0.2
Private Education & Health Services	65.0	66.1	62.6	-1.1	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	33.0	33.2	33.4	-0.2	-0.4
Other Services	19.4	19.7	19.2	-0.3	0.2
Government	71.2	71.9	68.9	-0.7	2.3
Federal Government	10.7	10.8	10.0	-0.1	0.7
State Government	33.7	34.1	33.6	-0.4	0.1
Local Government	26.8	27.0	25.3	-0.2	1.5

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Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 24	Dec 23	Jan 23	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	307,681	310,887	301,142	-3,206	6,539
Employment	298,907	303,205	293,700	-4,298	5,207
Unemployment	8,774	7,682	7,442	1,092	1,332
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.5%	2.5%	0.4%	0.4%

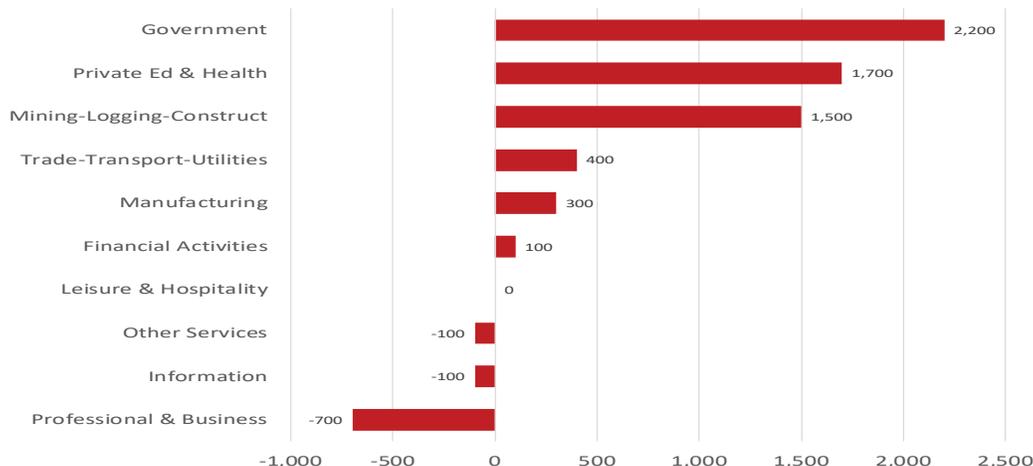
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 24	Dec 23	Jan 23	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	304.5	311.0	299.2	-6.5	5.3
Goods Producing	47.8	47.9	46.0	-0.1	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.1	17.2	15.6	-0.1	1.5
Manufacturing	30.7	30.7	30.4	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	256.7	263.1	253.2	-6.4	3.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.9	64.8	62.5	-1.9	0.4
Wholesale Trade	14.1	14.2	13.9	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	29.8	30.8	28.6	-1.0	1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.0	19.8	20.0	-0.8	-1.0
Information	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	12.5	12.6	12.4	-0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	57.9	58.6	58.6	-0.7	-0.7
Private Education & Health Services	36.4	36.6	34.7	-0.2	1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	29.1	30.3	29.1	-1.2	0.0
Other Services	13.5	13.8	13.6	-0.3	-0.1
Government	42.1	44.1	39.9	-2.0	2.2
Federal Government	3.3	3.3	3.0	0.0	0.3
State Government	18.5	20.3	17.2	-1.8	1.3
Local Government	20.3	20.5	19.7	-0.2	0.6

Job Change by Industry Sector

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,751	120,625	116,624	-874	3,127
Employment	114,703	116,079	112,651	-1,376	2,052
Unemployment	5,048	4,546	3,973	502	1,075
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%	0.4%	0.8%

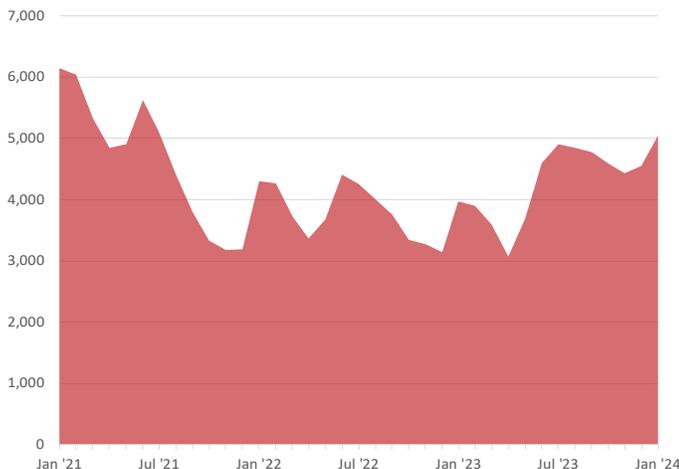
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	116.1	118.2	114.2	-2.1	1.9
Goods Producing	25.1	25.2	24.1	-0.1	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	6.0	6.0	5.4	0.0	0.6
Manufacturing	19.1	19.2	18.7	-0.1	0.4
Service Providing	91.0	93.0	90.1	-2.0	0.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.3	24.8	24.1	-0.5	0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	13.2	13.5	12.8	-0.3	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.7	6.8	-0.2	-0.3
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.8	4.9	4.9	-0.1	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.6	12.1	11.6	-0.5	0.0
Private Education & Health Services	18.9	19.0	18.0	-0.1	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.8	9.7	-0.2	-0.1
Other Services	3.9	4.0	3.8	-0.1	0.1
Government	16.5	17.0	16.6	-0.5	-0.1
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	1.9	2.3	2.0	-0.4	-0.1
Local Government	13.2	13.3	13.3	-0.1	-0.1

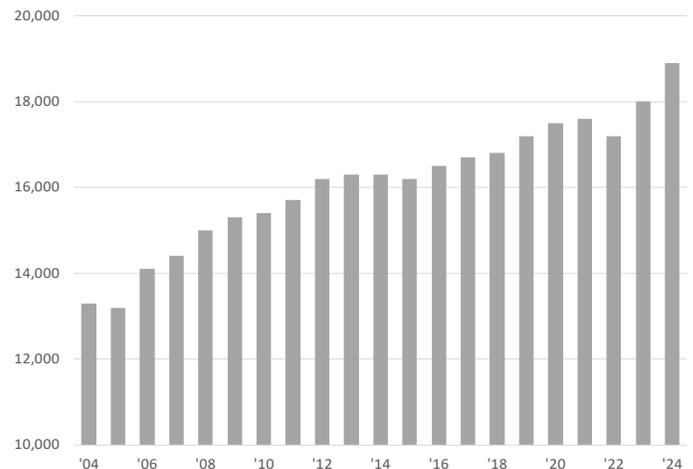
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Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,037	41,192	40,830	-155	207
Employment	39,269	39,637	39,216	-368	53
Unemployment	1,768	1,555	1,614	213	154
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.8%	4.0%	0.5%	0.3%

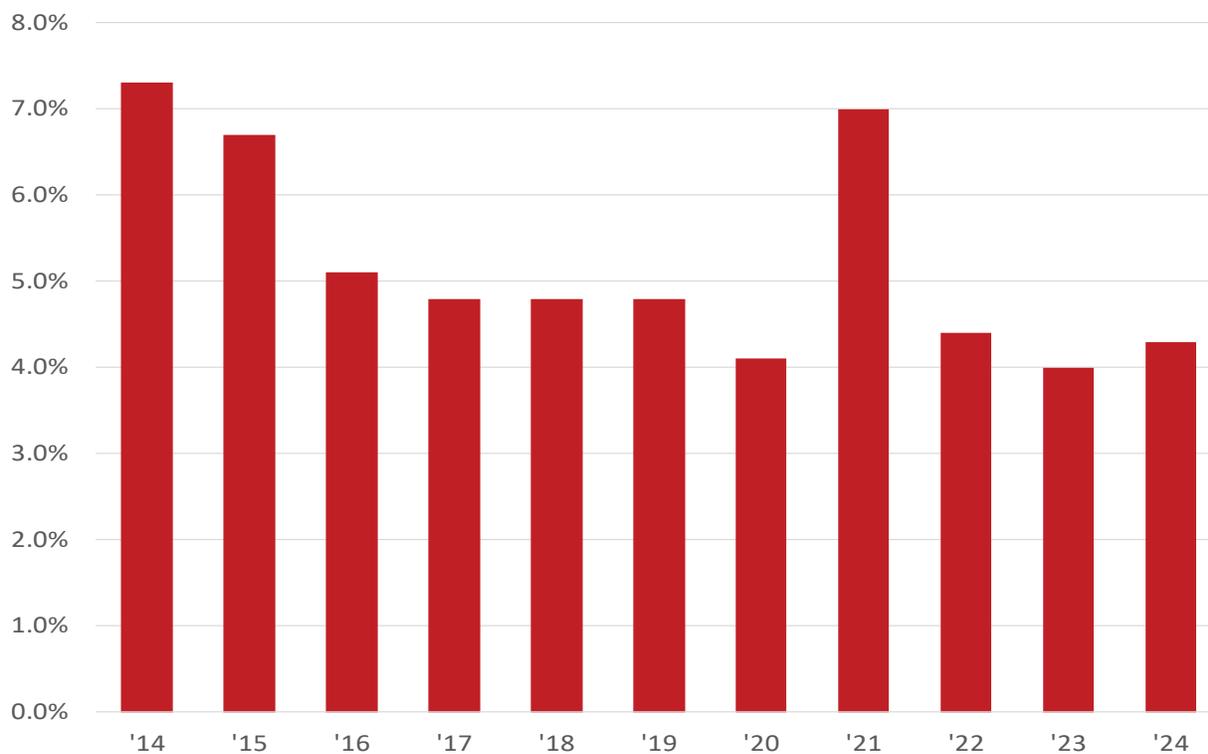
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.7	41.4	40.7	-0.7	0.0
Goods Producing	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	36.4	37.1	36.3	-0.7	0.1
Government	4.5	4.6	4.4	-0.1	0.1

Unemployment Rates

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Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,626	66,809	66,042	-183	584
Employment	64,355	64,828	64,062	-473	293
Unemployment	2,271	1,981	1,980	290	291
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.0%	3.0%	0.4%	0.4%

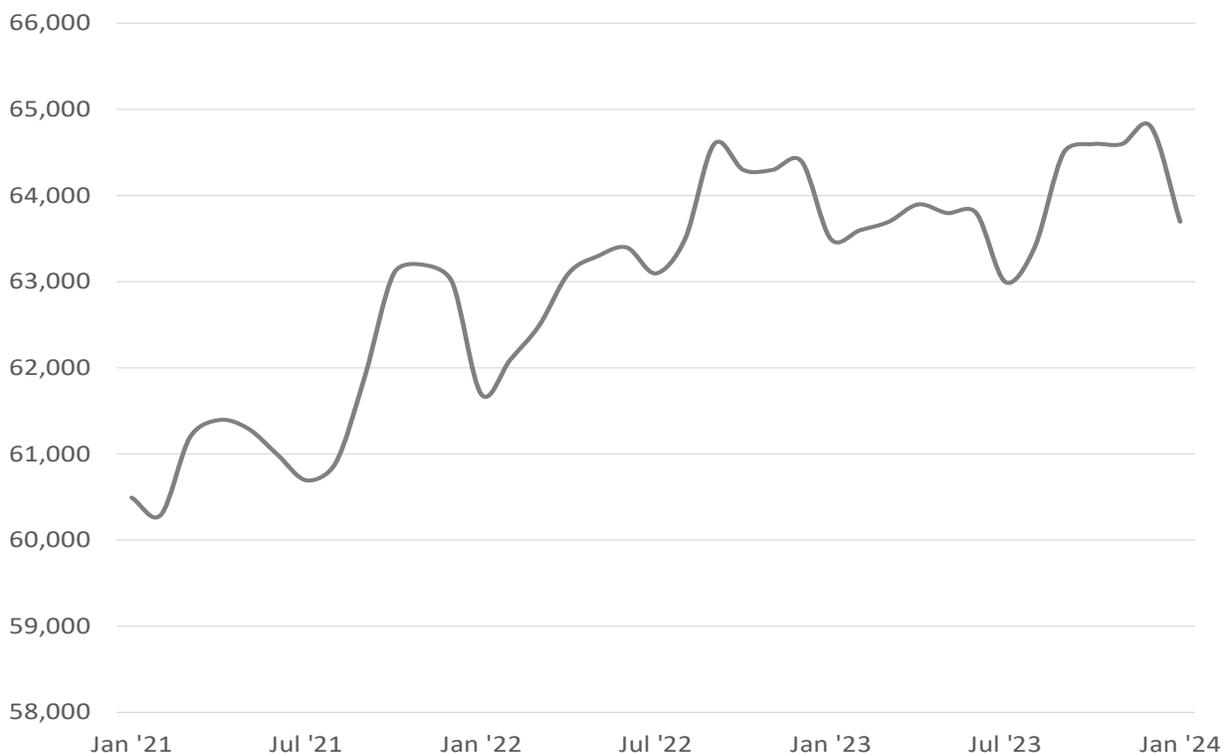
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	63.7	64.8	63.5	-1.1	0.2
Goods Producing	11.2	11.3	11.9	-0.1	-0.7
Service Providing	52.5	53.5	51.6	-1.0	0.9
Government	9.0	9.2	8.8	-0.2	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

The Pine Bluff MSA = Cleveland, Jefferson, & Lincoln counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	31,508	31,529	31,699	-21	-191
Employment	29,908	30,073	30,180	-165	-272
Unemployment	1,600	1,456	1,519	144	81
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	0.5%	0.3%

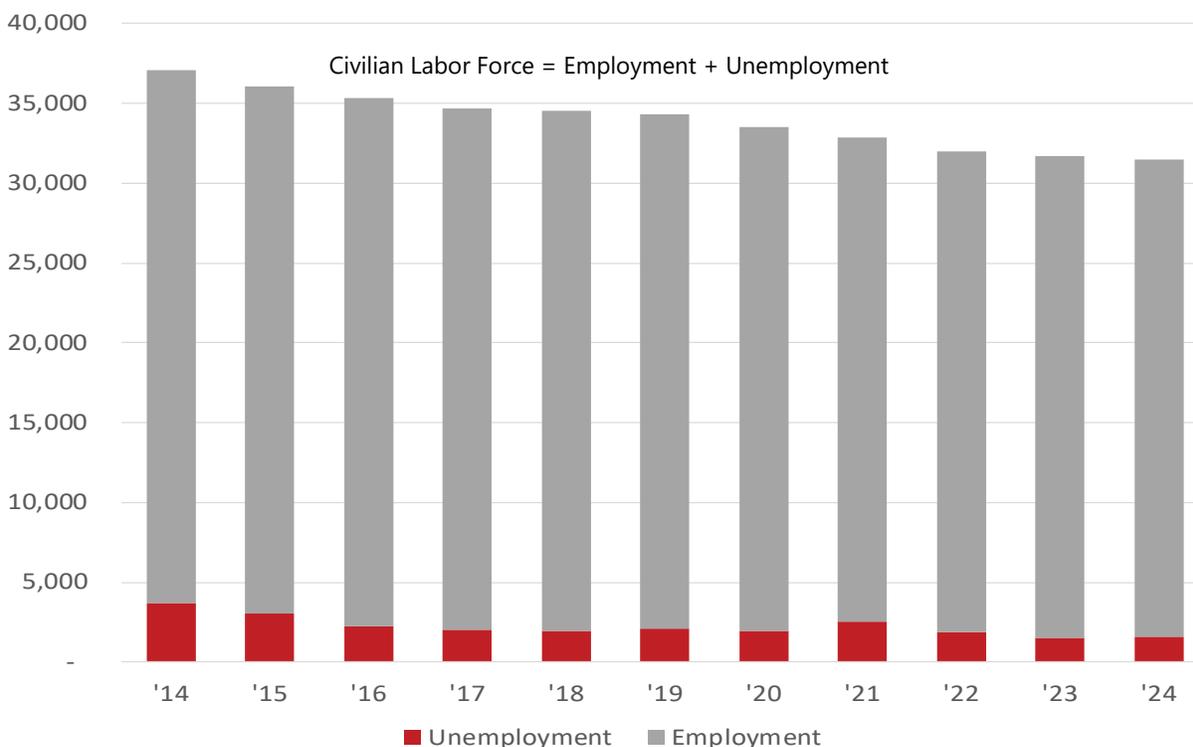
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.1	31.6	31.5	-0.5	-0.4
Goods Producing	5.4	5.3	5.4	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	25.7	26.3	26.1	-0.6	-0.4
Government	8.4	8.6	8.8	-0.2	-0.4

Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

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Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

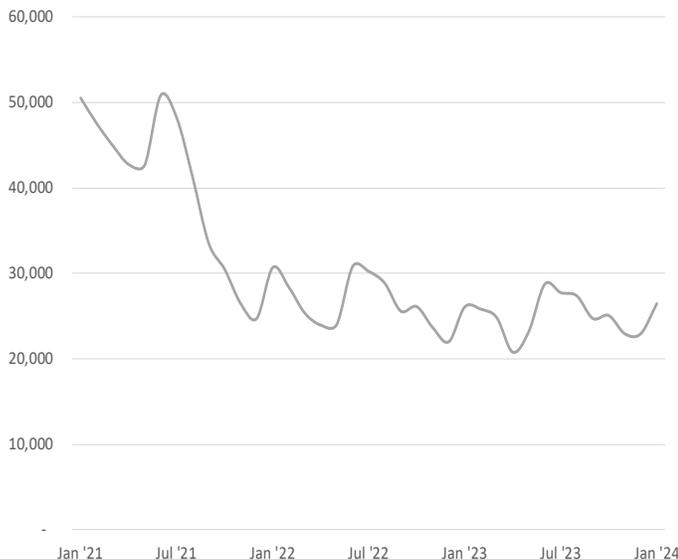
	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	614,485	616,903	621,329	-2,418	-6,844
Employment	588,013	593,938	595,243	-5,925	-7,230
Unemployment	26,472	22,965	26,086	3,507	386
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.7%	4.2%	0.6%	0.1%

Texarkana MSA

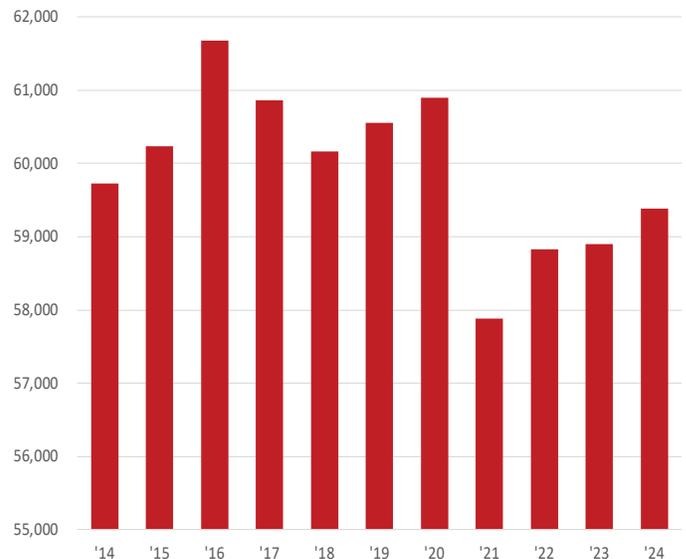
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	62,050	61,858	61,657	192	393
Employment	59,386	59,630	58,904	-244	482
Unemployment	2,664	2,228	2,753	436	-89
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.6%	4.5%	0.7%	-0.2%

Memphis MSA - Unemployment
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Texarkana MSA - Employment
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Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Micro Area	January 2024				December 2023				January 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,246	7,807	439	5.3	8,433	8,053	380	4.5	8,231	7,806	425	5.2
Batesville Micro	16,650	16,052	598	3.6	16,603	16,098	505	3.0	16,576	16,021	555	3.3
Blytheville Micro	16,731	15,830	901	5.4	16,775	15,935	840	5.0	16,088	15,286	802	5.0
Camden Micro	11,954	11,433	521	4.4	11,945	11,458	487	4.1	11,806	11,340	466	3.9
El Dorado Micro	14,635	13,820	815	5.6	14,642	13,895	747	5.1	14,582	13,874	708	4.9
Forrest City Micro	7,319	6,899	420	5.7	7,310	6,915	395	5.4	7,312	6,932	380	5.2
Harrison Micro	18,961	18,176	785	4.1	18,967	18,289	678	3.6	18,622	17,994	628	3.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,067	4,710	357	7.0	5,009	4,675	334	6.7	5,224	4,814	410	7.8
Hope Micro	12,190	11,705	485	4.0	12,104	11,659	445	3.7	12,464	12,043	421	3.4
Magnolia Micro	8,764	8,371	393	4.5	8,815	8,460	355	4.0	8,688	8,274	414	4.8
Malvern Micro	13,465	12,869	596	4.4	13,592	13,061	531	3.9	13,467	12,968	499	3.7
Mountain Home Micro	16,640	15,858	782	4.7	16,607	15,898	709	4.3	16,472	15,853	619	3.8
Paragould Micro	19,488	18,674	814	4.2	19,363	18,589	774	4.0	19,391	18,689	702	3.6
Russellville Micro	35,984	34,302	1,682	4.7	36,230	34,763	1,467	4.0	36,010	34,574	1,436	4.0
Searcy Micro	33,557	32,193	1,364	4.1	33,685	32,467	1,218	3.6	33,501	32,258	1,243	3.7

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

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City	January 2024				December 2023				January 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,250	12,759	491	3.7	13,392	12,950	442	3.3	12,943	12,533	410	3.2
Benton	18,210	17,638	572	3.1	18,290	17,794	496	2.7	17,816	17,341	475	2.7
Bentonville	32,038	31,203	835	2.6	32,418	31,670	748	2.3	31,357	30,650	707	2.3
Blytheville	5,623	5,299	324	5.8	5,625	5,334	291	5.2	5,412	5,117	295	5.5
Cabot	12,193	11,842	351	2.9	12,223	11,896	327	2.7	11,968	11,649	319	2.7
Conway	35,341	34,179	1,162	3.3	35,477	34,441	1,036	2.9	34,659	33,610	1,049	3.0
El Dorado	6,359	5,947	412	6.5	6,358	5,979	379	6.0	6,281	5,970	311	5.0
Fayetteville	52,288	50,882	1,406	2.7	52,872	51,633	1,239	2.3	51,277	49,988	1,289	2.5
Fort Smith	38,644	37,088	1,556	4.0	39,016	37,570	1,446	3.7	37,700	36,497	1,203	3.2
Hot Springs	15,236	14,532	704	4.6	15,322	14,668	654	4.3	15,126	14,512	614	4.1
Jacksonville	11,913	11,380	533	4.5	11,964	11,484	480	4.0	11,667	11,188	479	4.1
Jonesboro	40,167	38,830	1,337	3.3	40,376	39,165	1,211	3.0	39,808	38,650	1,158	2.9
Little Rock	99,341	95,514	3,827	3.9	99,863	96,382	3,481	3.5	97,155	93,898	3,257	3.4
North Little Rock	30,649	29,371	1,278	4.2	30,810	29,638	1,172	3.8	29,903	28,874	1,029	3.4
Paragould	12,393	11,868	525	4.2	12,319	11,814	505	4.1	12,339	11,878	461	3.7
Pine Bluff	14,772	13,928	844	5.7	14,854	14,041	813	5.5	14,899	14,054	845	5.7
Rogers	39,328	38,280	1,048	2.7	39,739	38,853	886	2.2	38,504	37,602	902	2.3
Russellville	12,919	12,386	533	4.1	13,071	12,583	488	3.7	12,985	12,485	500	3.9
Searcy	10,087	9,722	365	3.6	10,154	9,804	350	3.4	10,069	9,741	328	3.3
Sherwood	16,635	16,029	606	3.6	16,702	16,175	527	3.2	16,238	15,758	480	3.0
Springdale	41,706	40,635	1,071	2.6	42,180	41,235	945	2.2	40,893	39,920	973	2.4
Texarkana, AR	12,662	12,104	558	4.4	12,642	12,185	457	3.6	12,482	11,994	488	3.9
Van Buren	10,290	9,895	395	3.8	10,334	10,004	330	3.2	10,046	9,739	307	3.1
West Memphis	9,721	9,233	488	5.0	9,797	9,358	439	4.5	9,891	9,387	504	5.1

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,940	8,640	300	3.4	8,939	8,687	252	2.8	8,872	8,600	272	3.1
Ashley	6,317	5,897	420	6.6	6,255	5,886	369	5.9	6,322	5,921	401	6.3
Baxter	16,640	15,858	782	4.7	16,607	15,898	709	4.3	16,472	15,853	619	3.8
Benton	153,316	148,865	4,451	2.9	155,008	151,095	3,913	2.5	149,993	146,229	3,764	2.5
Boone	15,780	15,152	628	4.0	15,822	15,268	554	3.5	15,516	14,997	519	3.3
Bradley	4,005	3,806	199	5.0	3,953	3,769	184	4.7	3,958	3,728	230	5.8
Calhoun	2,333	2,246	87	3.7	2,314	2,232	82	3.5	2,305	2,228	77	3.3
Carroll	11,796	11,279	517	4.4	11,883	11,477	406	3.4	11,825	11,394	431	3.6
Chicot	2,791	2,583	208	7.5	2,710	2,543	167	6.2	2,793	2,616	177	6.3
Clark	8,246	7,807	439	5.3	8,433	8,053	380	4.5	8,231	7,806	425	5.2
Clay	5,265	4,942	323	6.1	5,187	4,909	278	5.4	5,260	4,995	265	5.0
Cleburne	8,823	8,394	429	4.9	8,861	8,467	394	4.4	8,749	8,354	395	4.5
Cleveland	2,981	2,857	124	4.2	2,960	2,849	111	3.8	2,999	2,884	115	3.8
Columbia	8,764	8,371	393	4.5	8,815	8,460	355	4.0	8,688	8,274	414	4.8
Conway	8,225	7,863	362	4.4	8,242	7,913	329	4.0	8,183	7,852	331	4.0
Craighead	56,816	54,985	1,831	3.2	57,076	55,459	1,617	2.8	56,347	54,730	1,617	2.9
Crawford	26,402	25,324	1,078	4.1	26,534	25,603	931	3.5	25,756	24,924	832	3.2
Crittenden	19,860	18,921	939	4.7	20,041	19,176	865	4.3	20,101	19,236	865	4.3
Cross	6,690	6,395	295	4.4	6,591	6,347	244	3.7	6,634	6,372	262	3.9
Dallas	2,624	2,500	124	4.7	2,603	2,489	114	4.4	2,611	2,491	120	4.6
Desha	4,854	4,558	296	6.1	4,813	4,563	250	5.2	4,746	4,496	250	5.3
Drew	7,252	6,877	375	5.2	7,107	6,792	315	4.4	7,361	7,018	343	4.7
Faulkner	64,228	62,082	2,146	3.3	64,439	62,558	1,881	2.9	62,976	61,049	1,927	3.1
Franklin	7,390	7,110	280	3.8	7,336	7,086	250	3.4	7,239	6,998	241	3.3
Fulton	4,513	4,302	211	4.7	4,456	4,272	184	4.1	4,512	4,329	183	4.1
Garland	41,037	39,269	1,768	4.3	41,192	39,637	1,555	3.8	40,830	39,216	1,614	4.0
Grant	8,556	8,275	281	3.3	8,568	8,319	249	2.9	8,382	8,135	247	2.9
Greene	19,488	18,674	814	4.2	19,363	18,589	774	4.0	19,391	18,689	702	3.6
Hempstead	8,897	8,559	338	3.8	8,830	8,515	315	3.6	9,105	8,805	300	3.3
Hot Spring	13,465	12,869	596	4.4	13,592	13,061	531	3.9	13,467	12,968	499	3.7
Howard	5,133	4,937	196	3.8	5,084	4,903	181	3.6	5,080	4,901	179	3.5
Independence	16,650	16,052	598	3.6	16,603	16,098	505	3.0	16,576	16,021	555	3.3
Izard	4,356	4,103	253	5.8	4,413	4,169	244	5.5	4,391	4,143	248	5.6
Jackson	5,273	4,950	323	6.1	5,199	4,907	292	5.6	5,211	4,892	319	6.1
Jefferson	24,955	23,653	1,302	5.2	25,037	23,846	1,191	4.8	25,119	23,868	1,251	5.0
Johnson	9,753	9,169	584	6.0	9,689	9,164	525	5.4	9,843	9,422	421	4.3
Lafayette	2,133	2,014	119	5.6	2,111	2,000	111	5.3	2,205	2,093	112	5.1
Lawrence	6,739	6,449	290	4.3	6,621	6,372	249	3.8	6,698	6,467	231	3.4
Lee	2,483	2,336	147	5.9	2,413	2,282	131	5.4	2,499	2,354	145	5.8
Lincoln	3,572	3,398	174	4.9	3,532	3,378	154	4.4	3,581	3,428	153	4.3
Little River	5,155	4,912	243	4.7	5,159	4,954	205	4.0	5,062	4,865	197	3.9
Logan	8,123	7,740	383	4.7	8,120	7,768	352	4.3	8,061	7,730	331	4.1
Lonoke	34,693	33,571	1,122	3.2	34,717	33,724	993	2.9	33,981	33,023	958	2.8
Madison	7,757	7,511	246	3.2	7,731	7,518	213	2.8	7,592	7,394	198	2.6
Marion	5,882	5,547	335	5.7	5,854	5,571	283	4.8	6,127	5,850	277	4.5
Miller	18,480	17,693	787	4.3	18,484	17,812	672	3.6	18,232	17,533	699	3.8

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,731	15,830	901	5.4	16,775	15,935	840	5.0	16,088	15,286	802	5.0
Monroe	2,363	2,266	97	4.1	2,340	2,249	91	3.9	2,401	2,280	121	5.0
Montgomery	2,840	2,668	172	6.1	2,682	2,517	165	6.2	2,670	2,514	156	5.8
Nevada	3,293	3,146	147	4.5	3,274	3,144	130	4.0	3,359	3,238	121	3.6
Newton	3,181	3,024	157	4.9	3,145	3,021	124	3.9	3,106	2,997	109	3.5
Ouachita	9,621	9,187	434	4.5	9,631	9,226	405	4.2	9,501	9,112	389	4.1
Perry	4,288	4,099	189	4.4	4,290	4,108	182	4.2	4,197	4,035	162	3.9
Phillips	5,067	4,710	357	7.0	5,009	4,675	334	6.7	5,224	4,814	410	7.8
Pike	3,957	3,791	166	4.2	3,865	3,723	142	3.7	3,916	3,772	144	3.7
Poinsett	9,810	9,370	440	4.5	9,733	9,369	364	3.7	9,695	9,332	363	3.7
Polk	7,560	7,222	338	4.5	7,481	7,163	318	4.3	7,629	7,343	286	3.7
Pope	28,073	26,744	1,329	4.7	28,314	27,168	1,146	4.0	28,083	26,956	1,127	4.0
Prairie	3,447	3,310	137	4.0	3,433	3,309	124	3.6	3,425	3,310	115	3.4
Pulaski	193,154	185,703	7,451	3.9	194,122	187,390	6,732	3.5	188,776	182,562	6,214	3.3
Randolph	7,020	6,699	321	4.6	6,948	6,668	280	4.0	7,009	6,756	253	3.6
St. Francis	7,319	6,899	420	5.7	7,310	6,915	395	5.4	7,312	6,932	380	5.2
Saline	61,160	59,222	1,938	3.2	61,458	59,748	1,710	2.8	59,883	58,225	1,658	2.8
Scott	4,365	4,191	174	4.0	4,278	4,133	145	3.4	4,218	4,098	120	2.8
Searcy	2,793	2,646	147	5.3	2,779	2,651	128	4.6	2,681	2,530	151	5.6
Sebastian	55,692	53,427	2,265	4.1	56,227	54,122	2,105	3.7	54,288	52,576	1,712	3.2
Sevier	5,367	5,124	243	4.5	5,369	5,154	215	4.0	5,208	5,008	200	3.8
Sharp	5,947	5,667	280	4.7	5,868	5,632	236	4.0	5,911	5,645	266	4.5
Stone	4,461	4,203	258	5.8	4,392	4,179	213	4.8	4,352	4,140	212	4.9
Union	14,635	13,820	815	5.6	14,642	13,895	747	5.1	14,582	13,874	708	4.9
Van Buren	5,908	5,587	321	5.4	5,852	5,571	281	4.8	5,903	5,641	262	4.4
Washington	135,171	131,622	3,549	2.6	136,651	133,564	3,087	2.3	132,463	129,309	3,154	2.4
White	33,557	32,193	1,364	4.1	33,685	32,467	1,218	3.6	33,501	32,258	1,243	3.7
Woodruff	2,822	2,688	134	4.7	2,776	2,662	114	4.1	2,797	2,682	115	4.1
Yell	7,911	7,558	353	4.5	7,916	7,595	321	4.1	7,927	7,618	309	3.9

County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2023 and January 2024, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Montgomery County posted a slight rate decline over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6% in Washington County to a high of 7.5% in Chicot County.

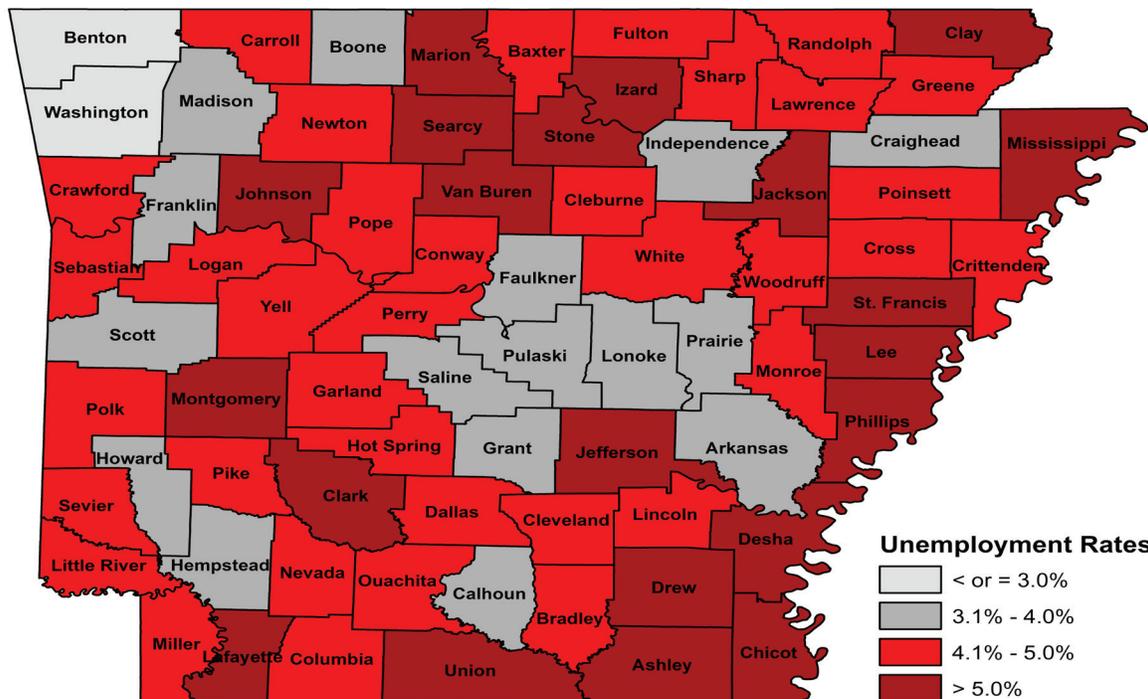
In January, two counties in Arkansas reported an unemployment rate at or below three percent. That is down from 10 counties at or below 3% in December. Two counties-- Phillips and Chicot-- posted jobless rates at or above seven percent.

Compared to January 2023, jobless rates are up in 69 Arkansas counties. Five counties reported lower unemployment rates, while Jackson County remained stable. Jobless rate increases averaged five-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.6	26	Garland	4.3	51	Cleburne	4.9
2	Benton	2.9	26	Lawrence	4.3	51	Lincoln	4.9
3	Craighead	3.2	26	Miller	4.3	51	Newton	4.9
3	Lonoke	3.2	29	Carroll	4.4	54	Bradley	5.0
3	Madison	3.2	29	Conway	4.4	55	Drew	5.2
3	Saline	3.2	29	Cross	4.4	55	Jefferson	5.2
7	Faulkner	3.3	29	Hot Spring	4.4	57	Clark	5.3
7	Grant	3.3	29	Perry	4.4	57	Searcy	5.3
9	Arkansas	3.4	34	Columbia	4.5	59	Mississippi	5.4
10	Independence	3.6	34	Nevada	4.5	59	Van Buren	5.4
11	Calhoun	3.7	34	Ouachita	4.5	61	Lafayette	5.6
12	Franklin	3.8	34	Poinsett	4.5	61	Union	5.6
12	Hempstead	3.8	34	Polk	4.5	63	Marion	5.7
12	Howard	3.8	34	Sevier	4.5	63	St. Francis	5.7
15	Pulaski	3.9	34	Yell	4.5	65	Izard	5.8
16	Boone	4.0	41	Randolph	4.6	65	Stone	5.8
16	Prairie	4.0	42	Baxter	4.7	67	Lee	5.9
16	Scott	4.0	42	Crittenden	4.7	68	Johnson	6.0
19	Crawford	4.1	42	Dallas	4.7	69	Clay	6.1
19	Monroe	4.1	42	Fulton	4.7	69	Desha	6.1
19	Sebastian	4.1	42	Little River	4.7	69	Jackson	6.1
19	White	4.1	42	Logan	4.7	69	Montgomery	6.1
23	Cleveland	4.2	42	Pope	4.7	73	Ashley	6.6
23	Greene	4.2	42	Sharp	4.7	74	Phillips	7.0
23	Pike	4.2	42	Woodruff	4.7	75	Chicot	7.5

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LWDA	January 2024				December 2023				January 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	259,704	250,640	9,064	3.5	260,646	252,596	8,050	3.1	254,287	246,551	7,736	3.0
City of Little Rock	99,341	95,514	3,827	3.9	99,863	96,382	3,481	3.5	97,155	93,898	3,257	3.4
Eastern	41,419	39,261	2,158	5.2	41,364	39,395	1,969	4.8	41,770	39,708	2,062	4.9
North Central	92,310	88,139	4,171	4.5	92,105	88,424	3,681	4.0	91,903	88,105	3,798	4.1
Northeast	121,869	116,949	4,920	4.0	121,703	117,301	4,402	3.6	120,488	116,255	4,233	3.5
Northwest	352,316	341,504	10,812	3.1	355,480	346,063	9,417	2.6	345,775	336,553	9,222	2.7
Southeast	74,223	70,544	3,679	5.0	73,874	70,632	3,242	4.4	74,133	70,694	3,439	4.6
Southwest	86,435	82,509	3,926	4.5	86,316	82,784	3,532	4.1	85,938	82,422	3,516	4.1
West Central	127,795	121,837	5,958	4.7	128,215	122,939	5,276	4.1	127,347	122,159	5,188	4.1
Western	109,532	105,014	4,518	4.1	109,976	105,875	4,101	3.7	107,191	103,669	3,522	3.3

